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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application and before the calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as set forth herein. This paper includes the following items:

Amendment to the specification, beginning on page 2;

Amendment to the claims, beginning on page 3.